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4. Listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 is U.S. Patent No. 6,563,660 to Hirano et al. The aforementioned patent is also published as JP 2001-155455 and DE 100 50 927 A 1.

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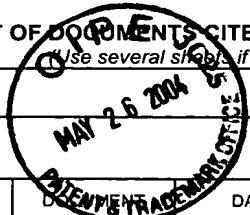
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